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Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion

# Friday Facts

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#### **Policy**

#### From the WIC Services Policy and Procedure Manual – 390.30

## **Homeless Participants**

Special effort is required to seek out and serve WIC-eligible homeless individuals. There are no specific regulatory barriers to participation in the WIC Program for homeless individuals.

A homeless individual is a woman, infant or child who lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence or whose primary nighttime residence is:

- A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living accommodations,
- An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized,
- A temporary accommodation in the residence of another individual, not to exceed 365 days, or
- A public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Note: A migrant farm worker is not considered a homeless individual.

The Iowa WIC Program does not provide service to residents of Iowa institutions (e.g., correction facilities).

## **Information**

#### Thank You Elva Olson and Reta Sickels!

Elva & West Central Staff



After many years as part of the Iowa WIC family Elva Olson and Reta Sickels are saying good-bye and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for everything they have done! Both Elva and Reta have seen many changes and transitions in the WIC Program over the years. Some of these changes include handwritten checks, Brother Typewriter, batch sheets, PATH and IWIN! Below are some comments and stories from their respective agencies.

After 34 years of service Elva Olson has left the West Central Community Action-WIC Program. She has been a valued member of their staff and was thought of as family. Elva is making plans to spend more time with her non-WIC family and enjoy the benefits that come with having more free time. Elva received a memory book and years of service plaque from her co-workers and WIC Family at a luncheon held her last day of clinic. – Lynne Tremel

After 33 years of service Reta Sickels has retired from the MATURA Action Corporation-WIC Program. Reta was one of the trial agencies for the first computer system, so they did batch forms and the new system side-by-side. She also served migrant families (generally in Winterset), who picked apples. Sometimes they would go in the evening after the migrants were done working to put them on WIC. Reta said that one time she went they had the clinic in a barn. At many of these clinics they took card tables, flashlights and lanterns to see to fill out the forms, poke fingers and do heights and weights. – Judy Gale

Thank you Elva and Reta for all of your time and dedication to WIC!

#### Resources

## **View-only version of IRIS:**

The view-only version of IRIS, called IRIS-CS, which stands for IRIS-Certificate Search, is available to WIC agencies to allow access to immunization records for children. Many parents rely on IRIS for their documentation of vaccination. If you are in connected clinics, this would give CPA's the ability to answer the question about if a child is up-to-date. Being able to answer the question about seeing the record provides every agency with an accurate picture. In addition, when figures are reported to the immunization staff, we will know the data is more complete. Please contact Kim Tichy at 515-281-4288 or Kimberly. Tichy@idph.iowa.gov for information.

## Don't forget...

that Policy # 215.30 states to always provide each family with a Notice of Termination and file a copy in each day's documentation when the participant will no longer receive benefits. What is your agency process??

### **Dates to Remember**

## 2012

- January 31, 2012 WIC Contractor's Meeting
- March 29-30, 2012 Maternal and Breastfeeding Nutrition Core Workshops
- August 21, 2012 WIC Contractor's Meeting
- August 29-30, 2012 Infant and Child Nutrition Core Workshops
- October 30, 2012 Communication and Rapport Building Core Workshop

## Available Formula

Product	Quantity	<b>Expiration Date</b>	Agency	Contact
Neocate	19 cans – 14 oz powder 30 cans – 14 oz power	11/19/11 1/8/12		Lucy Reifel @ 605-747-2617
Similac PM 60/40	3 cans		-	Chuck Dufano @ 319-356-6042